

Minutes of the East Fork of the Virgin River Water Users Meeting - February 18, 1976

The annual water users meeting for the East Fork of the Virgin River was called to order at 10:00 am in the State Bank of Southern Utah conference room, Orderville, Utah. Donald C. Norseth conducted the meeting in the absence of Mr. Sharon Lamb who is the chairman for the water users on this system. Mr. Norseth made a few brief remarks concerning the snow survey and river forecast for this area noting that the snow pack was still below normal but that the storms during the past few weeks have helped the situation considerably.

The minutes of the 1975 annual meeting were read and a correction was made to those minutes. William B. Brinkerhoff made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, the motion was seconded by Cleve Esplin and was passed. Several of the water users present questioned Mr. Norseth with regards to the notice of the annual meeting. Apparently several of the water users did not receive a notice this year and the attendance was somewhat less than expected. It was pointed out that mailing costs have risen over the past year and the Division of Water Rights will have to rely on the local people to advertise the annual meeting in order to cut down on those costs. They agreed that they could help the state in this matter.

The financial report for the 1975 season was read by Mr. Norseth. The report was discussed and it was noted that there is still approximately \$300.00 encumbered against the system for charges not yet submitted. These will be paid from the system account as soon as a proper voucher has been sent to the state office. A motion was made by Webster Adair that the financial report be accepted, the motion was seconded by William B. Brinkerhoff and was passed with a correction to the mileage figure (15¢ instead of 10¢).

The commissioner's report was presented by Mr. Larry Esplin. Several areas of discussion ensued involving the Heaton Ranch in Stout Canyon and Dairy Canyon and the upper ranches on Long Valley Creek. It was decided that an investigation would be made during the summer months so that those on the system and the State Engineer's office would know what was happening on the ponds, the springs, the pipeline, and measuring devices at the Heaton Ranch. Apparently, the question concerning the measuring devices and flumes on the upper ranches was answered to the satisfaction of the water users. A motion was made by William B. Brinkerhoff, seconded by Cleve Esplin that the rules be waived and that Larry Esplin be recommended and appointed as water commissioner for this system for 1976. The motion passed.

The budget was discussed and it was recommended that the budget remain the same as last years. A motion was made by William B. Brinkerhoff, seconded by C. Drever, to set the budget at \$828.00 and assess for that same amount. The motion passed.

General distribution problems and policies were discussed but no attempt was made to note them in the minutes. Mr. Norseth reminded the group that a board of directors would have to be selected along with a chairman. A motion was made by Bernard Tait, seconded by Lamond Tait, to retain the present board and chairman. The motion passed and the present board with Sharon Lamb as chairman will remain in office until the next water users meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

The following were present at the East Fork Water Users Meeting:

Donald C. Norseth	Division of Water Rights
Gerald W. Stoker	Division of Water Rights
Ruth S. Anderson	Glendale Irrigation Co.
William B. Brinkerhoff	Glendale, Utah
C.M.L. Drever	Glendale, Utah
Lyle Chamberlain	Glendale, Utah
Merrill MacDonald	Upper Ranches
Joseph Bolander	Orderville Irrigation Co.
Earl Sorensen	Orderville Irrigation Co.
Wm. Webster Adair	Orderville Irrigation Co.
Larry Esplin	Water Commissioner
Bernard Tait	Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co.
Lamond Tait	Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co.
L'Dean Anderson	Glendale Irrigation Co.
Cleve Esplin	Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co.
Roger Chamberlain	Lydias Canyon